



A Missouri State Library news service

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Newsline Extra features time-sensitive information about State Library programs and current news of interest to the Missouri library community.

Medieval theme selected for summer reading program

"Dragons, Dreams, and Daring Deeds" will attract flocks of young people to libraries this summer for the annual reading promotion. The bright and whimsical art of Steven Kellogg launches children on a fantastic trip to magical realms. Doug Keith, artist for the teen summer reading theme, "Joust Read," has created a similarly enchanting poster to attract older youth to young adult summer reading programs. The manuals for both programs are filled with ideas for medieval magic and merriment.

Start up kits for the 2005 summer reading program, including planning manuals for the children's and teen programs, a CD-ROM containing clip art for both programs, and "Dragons, Dreams & Daring Deeds" Collaborative Summer Library Program (CSLP) order forms, are being shipped to Missouri public library systems this week. Library systems with more than one library outlet are responsible for distributing start-up kits to their branches and bookmobiles.

Library systems are also responsible for ordering promotional materials to support their summer reading program from the "Dragons, Dreams & Daring Deeds" 2005 CSLP or other catalog. **The State Library will reimburse library systems at a predetermined amount for orders placed only from the "Dragons, Dreams & Daring Deeds" 2005 CSLP catalog.** Of course, library systems are free to order promotional and incentive merchandise to support their summer reading programs from any source of their choice, but the State Library will provide reimbursement only for orders placed from the CSLP catalog.

Please see the Reimbursement Amount Notification that accompanies your start-up kit to learn the amount at which your library system will be reimbursed.

Libraries are advised to check that all the materials expected are contained in correct quantities in the start-up kit. The State Library has limited supplies of extra materials, so if anything is missing, please contact us for a replacement immediately. If you have any questions about this year's program, or have not received your start-up kit by November 30, please contact Nancee Dahms-Stinson at nancee.dahms-stinson@sos.mo.gov, or at 800-325-0131, ext. 5.

State library holiday schedule

Like all other state offices, the Missouri State Library will be closed on Thursday, November 25, and Friday, November 26, for the Thanksgiving holiday. The library will resume regular office hours on Monday, November 29.

Digital concerns topic of new lecture series

C-SPAN is covering the Library of Congress' new evening lecture series, "Digital Future," presenting some of the best-known names in digitally networked communications. The series began last week with a talk by David Weinberger, an expert on blogging, who discussed how and in which situations blogs work and their value in children's education. The lecture was aired live on C-SPAN and has been archived at <http://www.c-span.org/congress/libraryofcongress.asp>.

Participate in future lectures by e-mailing questions to digital@loc.gov. Future lecture topics include:

- December 13 - Brewster Kahle, a digital librarian and director and co-founder of the Internet Archive. He will explain how and why capturing material on the Web is important, and discuss the challenges of selecting pertinent content.
- January 31 - Brian Cantwell Smith, dean of the Faculty of Information Studies at the University of Toronto. The title of his talk is "And Is All This Stuff Really Digital After All?"
- February 14 - David Levy, professor at the Information School of the University of Washington. He will discuss the shift of the experience of reading from the fixed page to digital, and the effect that has had on language.
- March 3 - Lawrence Lessig, professor at Stanford Law School and founder of the Stanford Center for Internet and Society. He will discuss digital copyright issues.
- March 14 - Edward Ayers, dean of the College and Graduate School of Arts and Sciences at the University of Virginia. He will address the implications of creating and distributing knowledge in today's digital environment.
- March 28 - Neil Gershenfeld, director for the Center of Bits and Atoms at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. His talk is titled "From the Library of Information to the Library of Things."

Series dates and times subject to change. Visit <http://www.c-span.org/congress/libraryofcongress.asp> for more information.

PLA conference eligible for Show Me Steps grant

The Public Library Association's 2005 Spring Symposium will be held March 7-9, 2005, in Chicago. Registration information is available at www.pla.org, and the deadline is January 28, 2005.

This year's symposium features a schedule with a variety of full day and half day programs for attendees to choose from. The 2005 Symposium also will include a track for library assistants. Other topics include: "Every Child Ready to Read @ Your Library," "Preserving the Future: Sustainable Libraries," "Readers' Advisory: Fiction," "How to Develop and Deliver a Powerful Message for Your Library," "Creating Policies for Results," and "Beyond HTML: Dynamic Web Sites Deconstructed."

If you are interested in attending this symposium and need financial assistance, please consider submitting a Show-Me Steps to Career Development Grant application to the Missouri State Library. The grant can cover registration fees, transportation, lodging, meals, and miscellaneous travel expenses or program costs, as deemed reasonable by the State Library. The 2004 Show Me Steps Grant application is available at http://www.sos.mo.gov/library/development/grants/SFO4_ShowMeSteps.pdf.

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